

A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(a) to (d) A statement giving the information is appended.

Basic Seed Farm near Doddaballapur.

Q.—174. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Sericulture Department has acquired any land for starting Basic Seed Farm near about Doddaballapur Railway Station ;

(b) if so, the extent of land acquired and when it was acquired and at what cost ;

(c) the progress made in that farm so far ;

(d) whether any expert's opinion was taken before acquiring the land for starting the said farm ?

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(a) Yes.

(b) 11 acres and 39 guntas of land was acquired during 1949-50 at a cost of Rs. 2,657.94.

(c) The land was subsequently found not suitable and the farm was shifted to a Government land about two miles away-where it has already started functioning.

(d) The land was selected by the departmental officers.

Cocoon Seeds Required annually by the State.

Q.—178. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the quantity of disease-free layings (cocoon seeds) required by the States annually and the quantity that is actually produced (i) by the Department and (ii) by aided graineurs ;

(b) whether it has come to their notice that mulberry crops have failed in Kolar and Channapatna area in the year 1963-64 and thereby the cocoon production is affected ;

(c) the steps taken up by the Department to protect the crops ?